



*The 1951 Lariat pictures  
Pettisville School as it  
builds....boys and girls  
and a new addition*



## *The Builders*

Board members, seated: Ellis Haskell, Ada Weber Center, clerk, Harold Schmucker, Pres. Russell Gasche, Vice-pres. Russell Schultz, Supt. S. M. Gottschalk, Earl Weber.

Faculty, standing: James A. Edington, Mrs. S.M. Gottschalk, Mrs. Florence Lindley, Mrs. Florence Porter, M a r k Ray, Mrs. Betty Rex, Doris Liechty, Margaret Buckmaster, Alta Spiess, Mrs. Mildred Rychener, Sadie Miller, Robert Rex, Ronald Pollock, Mrs. Jean Oyer, David E. Springer, Ruth K. Wyse.





Not unimportant in the process of building are the bus drivers. Without them there would be no raw materials in the form of students for the faculty to develop. They bring the students to school every day. On many occasions, however, several of the men teachers had to do double duty, both bringing in the raw materials and developing them.

Bus drivers, left to right: Rev. Vincent Rupp, John Waidelich, Bill Ziegler, Dwight Porter, Bill Gasche, Amandus Nofziger.



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# The ground is broken



Just as the breaking of the ground is the first step in beginning a new building, so kindergarten is the first step in the group education of the child entering school.

Future carpenters begin their training in kindergarten. Holidays are also observed, as the picture of the Valentine party proves.

Left to right: Donald Kauffman, Ralph Nafziger, Roger Grieser, John Ruets, Glenford Grieser, Eddie Miller, Ef r a i n Estrada, Lester Friesen, Tommy Avina, Jerry Avina, Paul Frey, Mrs. Florence Porter.

Back row: Arthur Ray, Janice Kauffman, Levina T r o y e r, Sally Short, Peggy Nofz i g e r, Becky Nofziger.

Front row: Max Weber, Junior Gearig, Nad i n e Richards, Terry Nofziger, Ruth Ann Nafziger, Miriam Baer, Carol Riegsecker, Jimmy Sauder, Co n n i e Short.

On table: Roslyn Short. With face toward camera on page 3: Jimmy Keller.



# in the kindergarten



# The cornerstone is laid

Back row: Margaret Short, Joan Schultz, Benny Avina, Jimmy Ray, Mabelann Schrock, Janice Short, Lynnette Rupp, Terry Thierry.

Middle row: Larry Peters, Shirley Disbrow, Janette Rupp, Jennifer Detter, Linda Frey, Stephen Aschliman.

Front row: Larry Leupp, Leslie Leupp, Jerry Rupp, Jimmy Huber, Wendell Beck, Adolph Avina, Mrs. Florence Lindley.



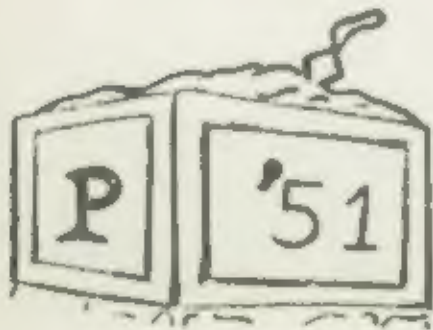
Back table: Linda Kay Grieser, Nancy Bender, Carolyn Blosser, Lowell Nafziger, Carolyn Westhoven, Marilyn Britsch, Leon Short.

Front table: Beverly Short, Luann Gearig, Jimmy Nafziger, Brenda Short, Sue Ann Blosser, Rhoda Troyer, Earlene Miller.

Absent: David Nofziger, Mary Avina, Lidia Castruita.



In the first grade, the first real school work is begun. This work forms the cornerstone upon which the rest of the child's school education is built. Children are introduced to the fundamentals of learning--readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic. They also learn to appreciate good stories, as is shown in the top picture where their teacher, Mrs. Lindley, is reading to them. In the bottom picture, amateur artists are expressing their personalities through clay modeling.



## in the first grade



# The foundation is made



Front row, left to right: Arnold Short, Marvin Troyer, Philip Rychener, Connie Nofziger, Marlin Rupp, Dorwin Nofziger.

Second row: Loretta Friesen, Marlene Beck, Rachel Porter, James Haskell, Lynn Weber, Sandra Gilson.

Third row: Merlyn Bender, Charles Nafziger, Judy King, LaMar Yoder, Richard Wagler, Joan Weber.

Last row: Glen Hartman, Janet Nafziger, Elaine Merrillat, Mary Lou Wanner, Ida Mae King.

After the cornerstone is laid in the first grade, the real work on the foundation is begun in the second grade. While learning to spell for the first time, the children add more basic material to the foundation of their building of learning. In the top picture, part of the class is

watching their teacher explain some of the finer points of writing. The rest of the class, in the lower picture, looked up from their reading lesson when the photographer walked in the door.

Linda Lou Baer and Marlene Reynolds were absent.

Picture at right:

Reuben Aschliman  
Duane Rychener  
David Avina  
Roger Rupp  
Arnold Blosser  
Arnold Freeman  
John Gearig  
Dale Blosser  
Richard Beck  
James Meyers  
Sharon Ann Nofziger  
Sharon Kay Miller  
Janie Rufenacht  
Marnetta Rychener  
Standing: Miss Margaret Buckmaster



# in the second grade



# The walls begin to rise

First row: Paul Avina, Jerry Weber, Phillip Nafziger, Larry Price, Jackie Rychener, George Taylor, Lynn Short, Kenneth Disbrow, Donald Davis.

Second row: Karen Gearig, Louise Miller, Ernestine Short, Marvin Zimmerman, Donelda Nofziger, Judy Short, Bonnie Short, Roseyn Rychener, Carolyn Beck, Susie Frey, Mrs. Betty Rex.



The walls of the building of knowledge begin to rise in the third grade, based on the foundation which was laid in the earlier grades. The students' supply of building materials is enlarged and made even more interesting by the addition of new and different "bricks". The bricks of multiplication and division are introduced for the first time, as a preparation for later mathematics. In the third grade, for

the first time, all written work is done in script and printing is a thing of the past.

Mrs. Rex has encouraged and developed the children's reading ability as is evidenced by the interest shown in the reading books in the top picture. In the bottom picture, the children are about ready to sing one of their songs for the photographers.



First row, left: Nancy Grieser, Marvin Nafziger, Jean Westhoven, Connie Bingman, Paul Freeman, Allen Richards.

Second row: Allen Nofziger, Karin Lantz, Lenda Burchett, Billy Frey, Freddy Munoz, Gregg Jecker.

Third row: Dianne Nafziger, Jimmy Roth, Rosie Avina, Teresa Guerrero, Bonnie Miller, Roger Beck.

# in the third grade



# The windows are installed



Left to right: Allen Rupp, Rhoda Nafziger, Kenneth Nafziger, Marvin Miller, Wauneta Grieser, Margaret Ruffenacht, Kennard Grieser, Tommy Rychener, Terry Gottschalk, Barbara Nofziger, Miss Sadie Miller, Lucinda Fowler, Marlene Thierry.



Seated: Ronald Leupp, Paul Sturpe, Kenneth Hartman, Roger Reynolds, Behta Short, Elizabeth Disbrow, Loraine Friesen.

Standing: Donald Waidelich, Marvella Peters, Larry Thrasher, Marlin Britsch, Joan Davis, James Rychener, Rodney Nofziger, Marilyn Richer.

Absent: Frank Avina, Curtis Baer, Joyce Roth, Richard Lee Beck.

Withdrawn: David Miley.

In the fourth grade, two new windows of learning are opened for the first time. Through these windows, the students can see and enter the exciting new worlds of history and geography. Through their project of selling seeds, the window to the business world is opened. In the top picture a reading lesson is in progress. The globe is the object of the group's study in the lower picture.



in the fourth grade



# The beams are raised

Seated: Geneva Rufenacht, Marlene Roth, Janet Schmucker, Rachel Nafziger, La Rue Short, Everett Short.

Standing: Betty Moll, Conchita Avina, Miss Alta Spiess, Mary Alice Sauder, Marilyn Nofziger, Jerry Thompson, Ronald Beck, Linden Decker, Mervin Beck, Vincent Rupp, Jimmy Miller, Michael Andrews, Cristy Gearig.

Seated: Rosemary Gearig, Lynwood Mininger, Virgil Miller, Gregory Rupp.

Standing: Jan Weber, Janet Rupp, Mona Nofziger, Deloris Nofziger, Charlene King, Marilyn Zimmerman, Carolyn Nafziger, Carolyn Zimmerman, David McBride, Bobby Burkholder, Corwin Nofziger, Larry Grieser, James Schrock.

Absent: Deloris Avina.



Beams are one of the most essential parts of the structure of a building, forming the final supports. The fifth grade forms one of these final supports for future schooling.

In the top picture, part of the class turned toward the camera from a map study of South America. One of the class projects was making history posters. A group of pupils is working on the posters in the lower picture.



## in the fifth grade



# The halfway mark is reached



Front row, left to right: Shirley Reynolds, Vern Beck, Lowell Schultz, Geraldine Short, Ronnie Frey.

Back row: Mrs. Mildred Rychener, Marlene Miller, Dottie Raker, Daryl Nofziger, Suzann Beck, Lois Gasche, Fern Beck, Bonnie Gearig, Merrill Short, LaMar Miller.

When the sixth grade is completed, the student's building of learning has reached the half-way mark. A great deal has been accomplished since this class first entered school six years ago. The experiences of grade school life are past and can never again be repeated.

During the course of the year, the sixth graders spend much time working with fractions. Practice makes perfect, as you know! Decimals are also added for the first time to the supply of mathematical knowledge.

All, however, is not work. In the picture on this page, part of the class is busy making paper cut-work valentines under the competent direction of the teacher, Mrs. Rychener.





Left to right:  
 Evelyn Kauffman,  
 Lowell Nofziger,  
 Phyllis Klopfen-  
 stein, Louise Frie-  
 sen, Joe Rychener,  
 Eunice Frey, Esther  
 Sturpe, Janice Naf-  
 ziger, Marlene  
 Short, Sharon Nof-  
 ziger.



In the top picture a group of intelligent sixth graders  
 are just finishing a practice exercise in fractions.

A group of boys is demonstrating the use of the library  
 in the lower picture.

Left to right:  
 Kenneth Rufenacht  
 Lowell Gilson  
 Dale Davis  
 Alex Guerrero  
 Kenneth Peters



*in the sixth grade*



# The partitions are placed



Back row: Garold Beck, Ronald Nofziger, Berneda Grieser, Ruth Fowler, Denver Nofziger, Billy Gasche, Charles Yoder, Dale Miller.

Front row: Charles Sauder, Marilyn Wyse, Mr. James Edington, Helen Rufenacht, Neil Weber. Absent: Leyle Friesen.

In the upper picture, some of the seventh graders are engrossed in their music books, under the supervision of Mr. Edington.

A group of students is examining a health poster in the lower picture, with Mr. Rex, the health class instructor, looking on.

Left to right: Kathryn Krieger, Ray Schrock, James Reynolds, Roger Zimmerman, Burdell Nofziger, Janeth Nofziger, Paul Gilson, Loretta Rupp, Joyce Grieser, Arnold Ebersole, Mr. Robert Rex.





Partitions in a building serve the purpose of forming separate rooms. In the seventh grade the partitions form the dividing lines for the separate class groups. For the first time departmentalized work is instituted and the students go from room to room for their various classes.

Going from the sixth grade into the seventh requires a great deal of adjustment on the part of the student. This year's class of thirty-five seven t h

graders reacted in the typical manner of all seventh graders.

Neil Weber was elected as president of the class early in the year. The vice-president was Garold Beck, and Glenden Rupp was secretary. Mrs. Oyer sponsored the class. Paul Short withdrew from the class during the winter.

In the group picture of the seventh grade, a part of the class is working math problems.



Back row: John Gasche, Lawrence Kruse, Charles Davis, Leon Nafziger, Larry Rychener, Larry Griesser.

Front row: Janice Nofziger, Mary Ellen Short, Dean Nofziger, Edward Freeman, Carolyn Rufenacht, Glenden Rupp. In small picture above: Mrs. Jean Oyer.



*in the seventh grade*



# The floor is laid



Just as the floor forms a firm basis for the feet of those who pass over it, so the eighth grade forms the basis upon which the high school work is laid.

In September the civics class

with Mr. Springer visited the Union Station in Toledo. The class showed enthusiasm by leading its team to victory in the March of Dimes contest. In April, the class took the eighth grade scholarship tests. As a result, Junior Beck placed first in the class, Judith Weber, second, and Mable Ann Rupp, third.

Howard Snyder was elected president of this rambunctious class of twenty-nine eighth graders. Leon Waidelich was vice-president, and Judy Weber was secretary-treasurer.

The class enjoyed a hayride which was held April 27. Before Shirley Short withdrew early in the spring, the class gave a farewell party in her honor. A Christmas party was also held.

A group of eighth grade boys is pictured below in the shop, which was formerly a part of the bus shed. Mr. Pollock, the class sponsor, is directing the activity.

Left to right: Howard Snyder, Charles Rupp, Donald Beck, James Gasche, William Beck, Mr. Ronald Pollock, Carl Frey, Leon Waidelich.





Seated:  
 Virginia Grieser  
 Roger Roth  
 Louise Schultz  
 Gene Weber  
 Standing:  
 Lovina Grieser  
 Jim Rupp  
 Phyllis Miller  
 Glenn Kauffman  
 Mabel Ann Rupp  
 Shirley Short  
 Janette Gearig



In the top picture, a group of eighth grade students is engaged in some of the games that were purchased for the use of the class.

Mr. Gottschalk is explaining a chart on plant growth to several science students in the lower picture.

Left to right:  
 Donna Mae Burkholder  
 Charles Schmucker  
 Mary Alice King  
 Roger Schmitz  
 Mr. S. M. Gottschalk  
 Junior Beck  
 Judith Weber  
 Irene King  
 Roger Krieger  
 Harold Schultz  
 Absent:  
 John Merillat  
 Janis Leupp



*in the eighth grade*

# The building takes shape



Left to right: Mabel Ann Roth, Mary Louise Rufenacht, Rachel Frey, Miss Doris Liechty, Margaret Rupp, Dorothy Beck, Donnabelle Riegsecker, Shari Weber, Shirley Wanner.

By the time the ninth grade is reached, the shape of each student's building of learning can be pretty well determined. In this first year of high school, the shaping up of the last four years is begun.

Last fall, on September 28, the sophomores did a good job of initiating these freshman "greenies," making them feel as foolish and excited as all freshman classes do.

After Jean Beck and Donald Burkholder quit school during the winter, the freshmen tied with the seniors for the honor of being the smallest class in school!

There were only sixteen new additions to the high school enrollment this year.

The class elected athletically minded Shari Weber as their president. Kenneth Miller was voted in as vice-president. The secretary of this comparatively quiet class is Margaret Rupp; Rachel Frey is the treasurer.

In the picture at the top of the page, a group of freshman girls was interrupted in the midst of a sewing session. Miss Liechty, home economics teacher and freshman class sponsor, is directing their sewing.





Left to right: Betty Beck, David Sauder, Elaine Rychener, L.J. Burkholder, Norma Nofziger, Miss Doris Liechty, Eugene Richer, Kenneth Miller.  
Absent: James Davis.



*in the ninth grade*

# The roof is constructed



First row:  
Carol Vonier  
Claudette Rupp  
Pauline Grieser  
Delight Grieser  
Betty Fowler

Second row:  
Harlan Gearig  
Phyllis Schmucker  
Merrill Nofziger  
Laura Jane Gearig  
Nancy Porter

Third row:  
Glen Wyse  
Robert Yoder  
Marlin Beck  
Marilyn Miller

Standing:  
Miss Ruth K. Wyse

The students not named in this picture are listed in other groups.

With the construction of the roof, a building is approaching its final stages. In the tenth grade, the students are approaching the final stages of their building of knowledge. Having progressed half-way through high school, they can see ahead toward the completion of the structure with its finishing touches.

Possibly the most outstanding event of the year was the opportunity to initiate the freshmen. The sophomore home economics girls cooked and served the dinner with which the faculty entertained the school board members and their wives at their March party. The sophomore boys seem to be quite interested in the FFA since six of them are active members.

To serve as leaders, this class chose Lowell Ayers as president, Marlin Beck as vice-president, and Claudette Rupp as secretary-treasurer. Miss Wyse sponsored the class.

During the winter months, Doris Beck withdrew from the class.

In the above picture, part of the sophomore class is shown in the midst of their English class.





In the picture at the right, Mr. Pollock is supervising a group of sophomore boys as they work on the implement trailer, which was one of their projects.

The boys at the right are welding.



Top picture, clockwise: Lowell Ayers, Junior Grieser, Waldo Aeschliman, Mr. Ronald Pollock, Paul Wyse, James Beck. Absent: Paul Grieser.

Lower picture, left to right: Marilyn Nofziger, Doris Rufenacht, Lavonne Gisel, Shirley Meyers, Joan Leupp, Miss Doris Liechty, Jane Guerrero, Marilouise Miller, Arlene Schultz. Jueldine Nofziger.

The sophomore home economics girls are making a delicious concoction of some sort in the opposite picture. Miss Liechty taught the class. As a project the group planned, cooked, and served a dinner for the faculty party held in April. The small picture at the lower right shows Miss Liechty with the cooks and waitresses.



*in the tenth grade*

# The finishing stage is reached



The speech course was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire class. In the opposite picture, Prin. David E. Springer, who taught the class, is leading in a group discussion.

They are, left to right, Merle Frey, Curtis Spengler, Marcile Rupp, Gerald Nafziger, Wesley Wyse, Mr. Springer, Lowell Meller, Marilyn Frey, Orval Sauder, Marlin Miller, Darold Riegsecker.



Jim Waidelich and Glenda Frey are selling candy to Mr. Ray, their class sponsor, in the picture at the left.



Lower picture, left to right: Mr. Ray, Wesley Wyse, Dale Klopfenstein, Ervin Miller, Shirley Nofziger, Ralph Bruner, June Gilson, Gerald Nafziger, Curtis Spengler, Ralph Gasche, Richard McBride, Glenda Frey, John Rychener, Edith Haskell, Marilyn Frey, James Waidelich.

class as president. Curtis Spengler was vice-president, Edith Haskell, secretary, and Darold Riegsecker, treasurer.

To help meet expenses, the juniors sold sandwiches one-third of the year and candy the entire year. The candy business was a profitable one since each child in the entire school bought an average of \$3.50 worth of candy during the year.

Another means of money-raising, and also enjoyment, was the junior class play. On January 25, the cast of "Ever Since Eve" was chosen by several teachers. The following people won roles: Rosetta Schrock, John Rychener, Dale Klopfenstein, Curtis Spengler, Edith Haskell, June Gilson, Glenda Frey, Ralph Gasche, Richard McBride, Marilyn Frey, James Waidelich, Ralph Bruner, Wesley Wyse, Gerald Nafziger, and Ervin Miller. When Rosetta broke her ankle, Shirley Nofziger took over her part.

This year proved to be a very busy one as thirty juniors, with Mr. Ray as their sponsor, approached the finishing stages of high school life. They were a very enthusiastic class, taking part in many activities such as choir, glee club, band, Pet Echoes staff, FFA, baseball, and basketball. At the beginning of the year, Dale Klopfenstein was chosen to lead this



A section of typing I is pictured at right.

First row: June Gilson, Ervin Miller, Colenzo Short, Dale Klopfenstein, Shirley Nofziger, Hazel Ayers.

Second row: Edith Haskell, Mary Alice Leupp, Lois Friesen, Rosetta Schrock, Clemma Roth, Erma King.



The geometry class was composed entirely of juniors, with the exception of one senior. Class work consisted mainly of problems. At the right, Mr. Rex is explaining a diagram to the students.

Left to right: Phyllis Frey, John Rychener, Richard McBride, Ralph Bruner, Ralph Gasche, Mr. Rex, Evelyn Short.



The play, given April 6, was well accepted by a large audience of over 600 people. Since the juniors were handicapped by the lack of an auditorium at Pettisville, the production had to be given at the Wauseon Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Ray directed the production.

May 4 was a day of unusual activity for the juniors. On this day, they gave a beautiful banquet in honor of the senior class. It was built around a "Mother Goose Land" theme. However, the joy of the occasion was dimmed by the thought of the afternoon automobile accident, which injured three junior boys, Dale Klopfenstein, James Waidelich, and Wesley Wyse, who had been working on the banquet.

The juniors climaxed their year by ushering at the senior commencement activities.



*in the eleventh grade*

# The building is completed



As a part of their commercial course, these eight senior girls studied shorthand. Here they are shown as they practice taking dictation from their teacher, Mrs. Oyer.

Left to right: Martha May Zimmerman, Marilyn Gearig, Fern Moll, Ruth Gisell, Anna Rose Meller, Rosa Waidelich, Emogene Zimmerman, Arlene Beck.

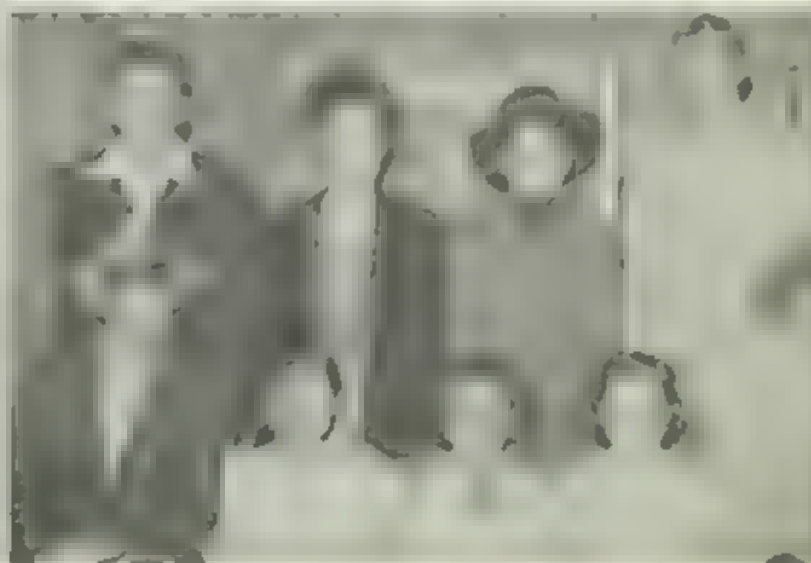
Twice a week the chemistry laboratory was the center of activity for six members of the senior class. They all pulled through the course safely, despite a few minor accidents.

They are, left to right, Richard Gautsche, Roger Gilson, Anna Nofziger, Sarah Jane Robinson, Bernice Rupp, Lester King. Supt. S. M. Gottschalk taught the class.

At lower left, Margie Burkholder and Clarence Bruner sell Christmas cards to Mr. Rex, sponsor.



Below is the class play cast. Front row: Clarence Bruner, Anna Nofziger, Fern Moll, Sarah Jane Robinson, Wesley Wyse. Back row: John Rychener, Marilyn Gearig, Emogene Zimmerman, Roger Gilson.





Dependable Arlene Back could always be counted on to do any job well. Arlene usually was silent as a sphinx and yet watchful as a cat.

Clarence Bruner was the most energetic boy in the class. He took an active part in the musical organizations. Corny jokes were Clarence's faithful standby.

The girl with the boundless pep and energy was Margie Burkholder. Margie's hobbies were giggling, talking, running around, and flirting with all the boys.

The boy whose term papers were always turned in late was Richard Gautsche. Much of his time was spent in FFA activities as president. Richard had a clever remark ready for any occasion.

Marilyn Gearig has the enviable combination of blond curly hair and blue eyes. This vivacious senior girl enjoyed singing as one of her pastimes. Marilyn was Mr. Springer's busy secretary.

Roger Gilson's tall lanky frame could be seen whenever a ball game of any sort was in progress. Because of his sportsmanship, both on the ball field and in the schoolroom, he was given the Babe Ruth award at the end of the year. Roger delighted in teasing the girls.

The shyest member of the senior class was Ruth Gisel. She was always prompt and conscientious. Ruth was Mr. Pollock's secretary during her senior year.

Lester King's perpetual cackle could be heard any time and anywhere during his school life. It's a wonder that the chemistry laboratory is still whole after all the "experimenting" "Simit" did there.

The tallest girl in the class was

Anna Rose Meller. Her pleasant personality and smile won her many friends.

Fern Moll was usually quiet and nonchalant. Her fondness for eating, especially olives, got her into some unusual situations. Olive juice poured out of an upstairs window inevitably hits the fourth grade windows below. As a result, Fern became a window washer for a short while.

Anna Nofziger could be seen carrying home a big pile of books every night. Her ability to give orders made her a leader of the class.

The most studious individual in the class was Sarah Jane Robinson. An able leader, fun-loving, and always busy, Sarah never refused to do something for a friend. She was given both the citizenship and sportsmanship awards.

Another hard-working senior was Bernice Rupp. She studied hard, but could take time out for fun, too. Bernice collected scholastic certificates as some people collect souvenirs.

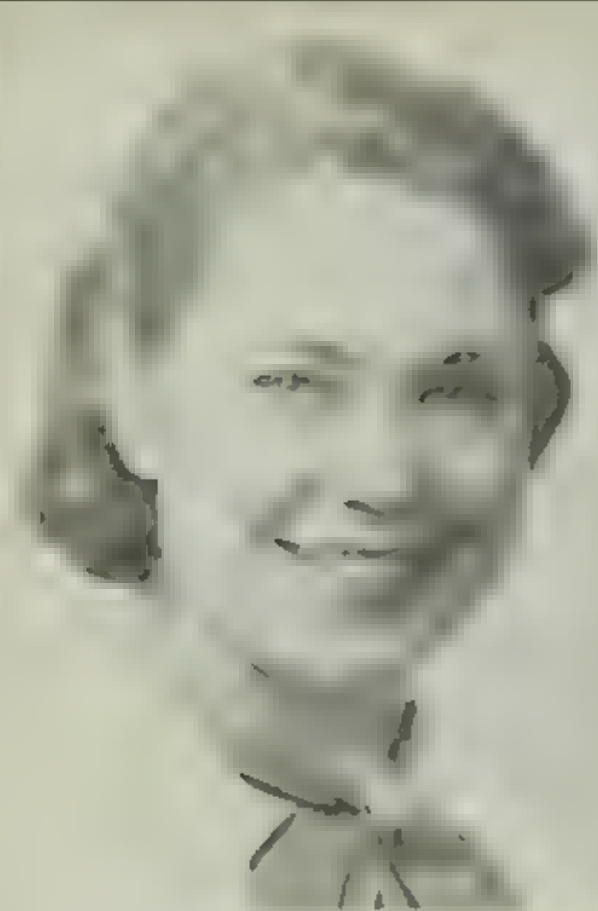
Rosa Waidelich will really go places if she works as much as she giggled. Her rosy cheeks aptly fit her nickname, "Rosie". Each morning she could be seen going from room to room, gathering the absence slips.

The senior girl with the ability for making speeches was Emogene Zimmerman. Although well prepared, she always complained of "unpreparedness". Emogene's hobby was either evading a study hall or sleeping through it.

A girl whose interests were in the commercial field was Martha May Zimmerman. Her motto could very well be, "Seen but not heard."



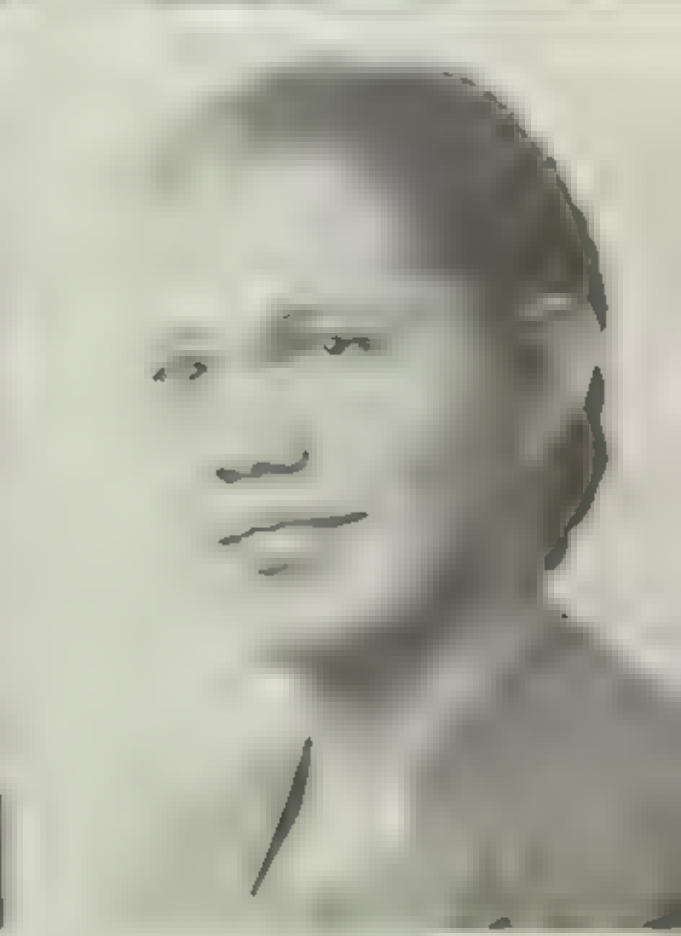
*in the twelfth grade*



Sarah Jane Robinson  
Vice-president  
Lester King  
President  
Anna Nofziger  
Secretary-treasurer  
Anna Rose Meller  
Ruth Gisell  
Margie Burkholder  
Bernice Rupp  
Richard Gautsche

SEN





Enogene Zimmerman  
Roger Gilson  
Marilyn Gearig  
Martha May Zimmerman  
Fern Moll  
Arlene Beck  
Clarence Bruner  
Rosa Waldelich



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# Senior activities

## ARLENE BECK

Glee Club 9-11; Chorus 11-12; County Music Festival 10-12; Music Contest: Dist. 10-12, State 11-12; Dist. Scholarship Test 10; Class Play 11; Office.

## CLARENCE BRUNER

All-State Folk Festival 12; Band 9-11; Glee Club 9-10; Chorus 9-12; County Music Festival 9-10, 12; Music Contest: Dist. 9-12, State 9, 11-12; Octet 11-12; Class Play 11-12; Lettermen 11; Basketball 9-11; Baseball 9-10; Track 10; F.F.A.: Treas. 11-12, Student Adviser 12, Quartet 12, Scholarship 12.

## MARGIE BURKHOLDER

Class Vice-Pres. 11; Glee Club 9-11; Chorus 12; County Music Festival 10; Music Contest: Dist. 10-12, State 12; Bus. Mgr., Class Play 12; Office.

## RICHARD GAUTSCHE

Lariat Business Manager; Glee Club 9, 11; Chorus 9, 12; Music Contest: Dist. 12, State 12; Sen. Scholarship Test; Stage Mgr., Class Play 11-12; Lettermen 12; Baseball 11-12; F.F.A. Pres. 12; Art Club 12.

## MARILYN GEARIG

Class Sec. 10; Band 10-11; Glee Club 9-10; Chorus 9-12; Sextet 11-12; Octet 12; County Music Festival 11-12; Music Contest: Dist. 9-12, State 9, 11-12; Dist. Scholarship Test 9; Typing Contest 11; Class Play 11-12; Office; Booster 10.

## ROGER GILSON

Class Vice-Pres. 9; Band 9;

Chorus 12; Music Contest: Dist. 12, State 12; Dist. Scholarship Test 10; Class Play 11-12; Lettermen 10-12; Basketball 9-12; Baseball 9-12; Track 9-10; F.F.A. Sec.

## RUTH GISEL

Glee Club 9-10; Stage Mgr., Class Play 12; Office.

## LESTER KING

Lariat Associate Editor; Class Pres. 11-12; Glee Club 9, 11; Chorus 9-12; County Music Festival 11-12; Music Contest: Dist. 9-12, State 9, 11-12; Octet 10; Quartet 11-12; Soloist 11; Dist. Scholarship Test 9-10; Pet Echoes 12; Librarian 10-12; Student Council 10-12, Vice-Pres. 12; Art Club 12.

## ANNA ROSE MELLER

Kunkle High School 9-10; Glee Club 9-11; Chorus 9; Office; Librarian 12.

## FERN MOLL

Band 9; Glee Club 9-11; Chorus 10-11; County Music Festival 11; Music Contest: Dist. 10-11, State 11; Octet 10; Typing Contest 11; Class Play 11-12; Office; Librarian 11-12; Student Council 9-11; Booster 10.

## ANNA NOFZIGER

Class Salutatorian; Lariat Copy Writer; Class Sec. 11-12; Glee Club 9-10; Chorus 10-12; Quartet 10; Octet 12; County Music Festival 10-12; Music Contest: Dist. 10-12, State 11-12; Senior Scholarship Test; Dist. Scholarship Test 12; Typing Contest 11;

Class Play 11-12; Librarian 9-12; Bookmender 9-10; Student Council 10; President, Art Club 12.

## SARAH JANE ROBINSON

Class President 10; Class Vice-Pres. 12; Band 9-12; Glee Club 9-11; County Music Festival 11-12; Music Contest: Dist. 10, 12; Dist. Scholarship Test 11-12; Sen. Scholarship Test; Class Play 11-12; Librarian 10-12; Student Council 9-12, President 12; Booster 10-12, Head Booster 11-12; Art Club 12; Pet Echoes 12.

## BERNICE RUPP

Class Valedictorian; Lariat Editor; Class Pres. 9; Glee Club 9-11; Chorus 11-12; Quartet 10; County Music Festival 9-12; Music Contest: Dist. 10-12, State 11-12; Dist. Scholarship Test 9-12; Sen. Scholarship Test; Class Play 11; Librarian 9-11; Head Librarian 11; Bookmender 9-11; Student Council 12, Sec.-Treas. 12; Art Club 12.

## ROSA WAIDELICH

Glee Club 9-11; Chorus 12; County Music Festival 10; Music Contest: Dist. 10-12, State 12; Business Manager, Class Play 11; Office; Sec. Home Ec. Club 12.

## EMOGENE ZIMMERMAN

Glee Club 9; Class Play 11-12; Office.

## MARTHA MAY ZIMMERMAN

Glee Club 9-11; Chorus 12; County Music Festival 10-12; Music Contest: Dist. 10-12, State 12; Office.



# Senior history

Four years ago the class of 1951 entered high school and was initiated in the usual manner by the sophomores. These twenty-three freshmen elected Bernice Rupp as their president, Roger Gilson as vice-president, and Sarah Jane Robinson as secretary-treasurer. Mr. Ray sponsored the class. As a project, the home economics girls sold sandwiches. They used the profits to pay for more than half of the combination dishwasher-disposal and electric mixer purchased for use in the home economics department.

Sarah Jane Robinson was president during the sophomore year. Marilyn Gearig was vice-president, and Shirley Grime, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Ray again sponsored the class.

As an English project, the class gave the play "Evening Clothes" under the direction of Miss Wyse. All of the class was in the play. Margie Burkholder, Lester King, Sarah Jane Robinson, Roger Gilson, Anna Nofziger, and Bernice Rupp had the leading parts.

As president for the junior year, the class chose Lester King. The vice-president was Margie Burkholder, and the secretary-treasurer was Anna Nofziger. Miss Hostetler sponsored the class. One of the high spots in the year was the production of the play "Brother Goose" on April 20 and 21. Anna Nofziger and Roger Gilson played the leading roles. The play was directed by Mr. Ray.

The junior-senior trip to Columbus took place the latter part of April 1. Several institutions and radio and television studios were visited. On May 6, the class gave a banquet for the seniors and faculty members. The banquet was built around a southern theme. One third of the junior year was spent selling sandwiches, while candy was sold the entire year.

Lester King was elected president for the senior year. Sarah Jane Robinson was vice-president, and Anna Nofziger was secretary-treasurer. Sarah Jane Robinson served as president of the Student Council the past year. Lester King was vice-president and Bernice Rupp was secretary.

Early in the fall, the seniors gave their class play, "For Love and Money." Sarah Jane Robinson and Roger Gilson played the leading roles. Because of the

lack of boys, John Rychener and Wesley Wyse of the junior class had parts in the play. The production was given in the Wauseon Memorial Auditorium because of the building project at Pettisville School, which occupied the entire year.

Bernice Rupp, Anna Nofziger, Sarah Jane Robinson, and Richard Gautsche took the senior scholarship tests in Wauseon. As a result of these tests, Bernice Rupp placed fourth in the county, Anna Nofziger was fifth, and Sarah Jane Robinson received honorable mention.

Because of the size of the junior class, the practice of an annual junior-senior trip was dropped. Instead, a senior trip was taken. Several institutions in Columbus were visited, and a tour of the Ohio State University campus was made.

As editor of the "Lariat" the class chose Bernice Rupp. Lester King was associate editor and Richard Gautsche, business manager. Anna Nofziger was in charge of writing the copy and the typing was under Fern Moll. The job of mounting the copy was done by Marilyn Gearig. Sarah Jane Robinson was the art editor. The entire class helped on the project. Mr. Pollock took most of the snapshots appearing in the book.

The class scholastic honors were awarded to Bernice Rupp and Anna Nofziger. Bernice was valedictorian and Anna was salutatorian.

All of the graduation exercises were held at the Memorial Auditorium in Wauseon. The baccalaureate service was held May 20. The sermon was given by Rev. Bertsche of the Archbold Evangelical Mennonite Church. May 22 was the date of the commencement exercises, at which Dr. Carl Kreider, acting president of Coshen College, Coshen, Indiana, spoke on "Earthquakes." The last event the seniors took part in was class night, May 24. A short playlet and the valedictory and salutatory addresses were given then.

The coveted citizenship award for the best school citizen was given to Sarah Jane Robinson, as a result of voting by the faculty and class presidents. The Babe Ruth sportsmanship awards, again presented this year, were given to Sarah Jane Robinson and Roger Gilson by vote of grades seven through twelve.

# Building culture



Left to right: Phyllis Schmucker, Ralph Bruner, Carol Vonier, Delight Grieser.



Left to right: Shari Weber, Shirley Wanner, Louise Schultz.

Mr. Edington encouraged solo and ensemble work as a means to improve group participation. As a result of this encouragement, a clarinet quartet was formed consisting of Phyllis Schmucker, Ralph Bruner, Carol Vonier, and Delight Grieser. This group entered the solo and ensemble contest at Bowling Green and received an excellent rating.

A trumpet trio was also formed, composed of Shari Weber, Shirley Wanner, and

Louise Schultz. This group also entered the contest. They were awarded an excellent rating for their number.

During the year an orchestra was formed. It consisted mostly of students from grades five through ten. The group played the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," at Commencement with several other numbers. Considering the youth and inexperience of the group, they gave an excellent performance.

Front row: Junior Beck, Mervin Beck, Kathryn Krieger, Loretta Rupp.

Second row: Carol Vonier, Delight Grieser, Betty Fowler, Vincent Rupp, Jr., Claudette Rupp, Roger Krieger, Charles Schmucker.

Third row: Shari Weber, Lowell Ayers, Arlene Schultz, Joyce Grieser, Shirley Wanner, Janette Gearig, Judith Weber.







## Band

First row: Phyllis Schmucker, Ralph Bruner, Carol Vonier, Mr. Edington, Kathryn Krieger, Neil Weber, Hazel Ayers, Claudette Rupp, Sarah Jane Robinson.

Second row: Delight Grieser, Arlene Schultz, Betty Fowler, Lowell Schultz, John Gasche, Joyce Grieser, Louise Schultz, Shirley Wanner, James Waidelich, Shari Weber.

Third row: Pauline Grieser, Judith Weber, Janette Gearig, Edward Freeman, Lowell Ayers, Roger Schmitz, Ralph Gasche, Howard Snyder, Charles Schmucker, Curtis Spengler, Roger Krieger, Loretta Rupp, Laura Jane Gearig.

The band is an elective music group composed of students from grades six to twelve. Those who attended the spring concert were pleasantly surprised to hear a great improvement in the group since their appearance in a winter concert. This improvement brought the group a good rat-

ing at the district contest in Bowling Green. All of the judges agreed that the band showed great promise, considering the immaturity of the group. They were commended on their spirit, balance, and sincerity. Mr. Edington has done a superior job directing this organization.



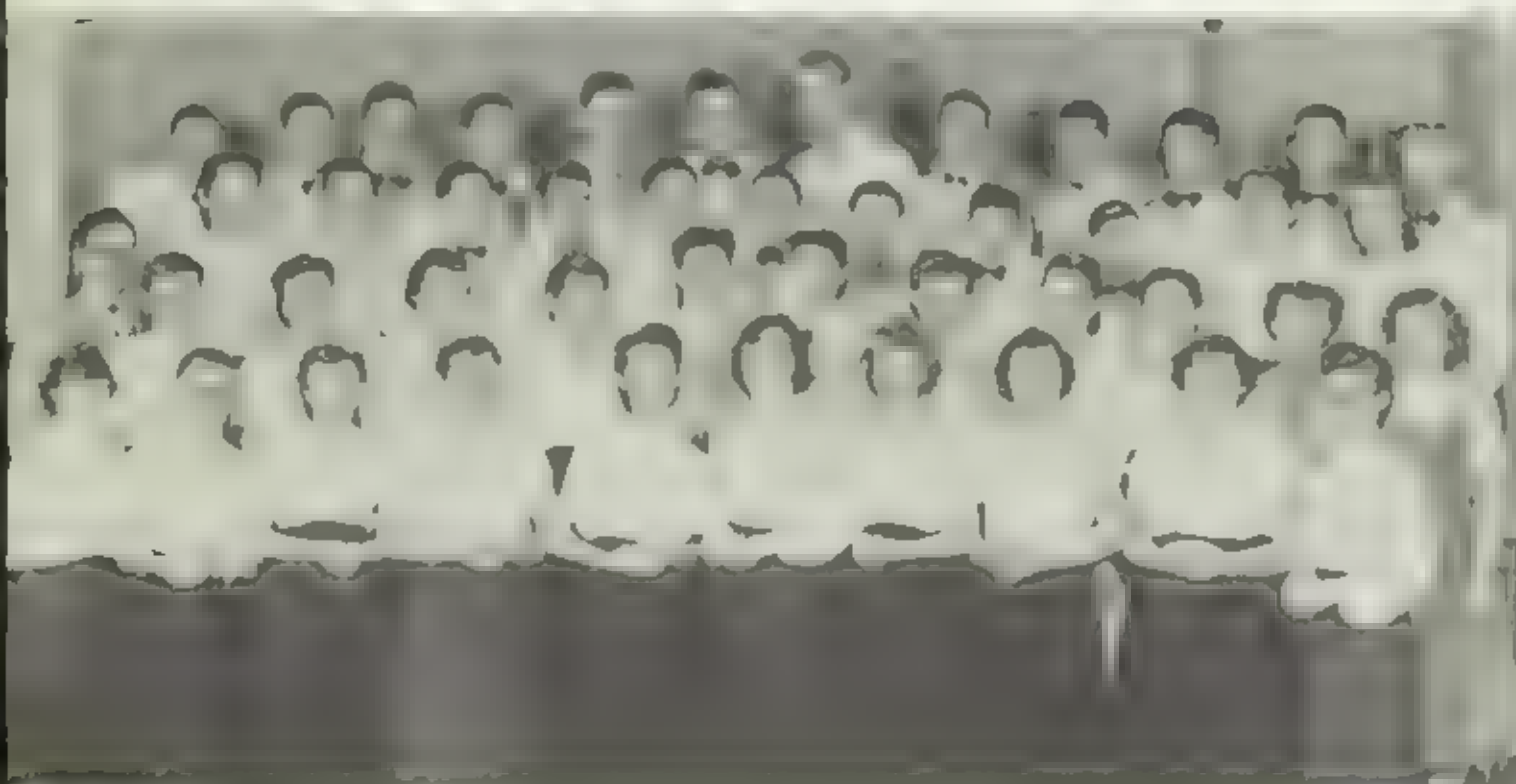
Junior Beck played a violin solo at the district contest held May 31 in Bowling Green. He earned an excellent, or second, rating.

Shari Weber also entered the district contest. Her cornet solo won a very good, or third, rating.



*through music*

# Mixed Chorus



The mixed chorus climaxed its activities of the year by winning a superior, or first, rating at the state music finals, which were held April 28, at Springfield, Ohio. It was the only group in its class to win this rating. Previous to the event, the chorus participated, on April 7, in the district contest at Bowling Green, at which it also obtained a first rating. This organization is composed of a picked group of musicians.

Mr. Edington, the music instructor, was rated as a first-rate conductor by the judges at the district contest.

The girls glee club also entered the state contest after winning a first in the district. The group received an excellent, or second, rating at the state. Girls glee club is a musical organization open to all high school girls who wish to enter.

The music organizations of the school presented two concerts during the year, in which both the mixed chorus and the glee club participated.

First row: Joan Leupp, Shirley Nofziger, Marilyn Frey, Mr. James Edington, Claudette Rupp, Delight Grieser, Pauline Grieser, Betty Fowler.

Second row: Lavonne Gisel, Doris Rufenacht, Marilouise Miller, Rachel Frey, Nancy Porter, Mary Louise Rufenacht, Margaret Rupp, Marilyn Miller.

Third row: Marilyn Nofziger, Shirley Meyers, Jane Guerrero, Evelyn Short, Erma King, Hazel Ayers, Clemma Roth, Arlene Schultz, Marcile Rupp, Jueldine Nofziger, Norma Nofziger.

First row: Carol Vonier, Lois Friesen, Martha May Zimmerman, Joan Leupp, Marilyn Frey, Nancy Porter, Edith Haskell, Laura Jane Gearig, Phyllis Schmucker, Glenda Frey.

Second row: Mr. James Edington, Rosa Waidelich, Margie Burkholder, June Gilson, Anna Nofziger, Marilouise Miller, Phyllis Frey, Clemma Roth, Bernice Rupp, Marcile Rupp, Mary Alice Leupp, Elaine Rychener.

Third row: Erma King, Evelyn Short, Paul Wyse, Wesley Wyse, Curtis Spengler, Ralph Bruner, Merle Frey, Kenneth Miller, Eugene Richer, Arlene Beck, Marilyn Gearig.

Fourth row: Merrill Nofziger, Gerald Nofziger, Marlin Beck, Ervin Miller, Dale Klopfenstein, Marlin Miller, Roger Gilson, Richard McBride, Clarence Bruner, Lester King, Robert Yoder, David Sauder.



Girls Glee Club



# Ensembles and Soloists



Marlin Miller, Glenda Frey, Marilyn Frey, Lester King.

Merrill Nofziger, Merle Frey, Wesley Wyse, Marlin Miller.



The mixed quartet, upper left, won an excellent rating at the contest, held at Bowling Green March 31.

The boys' quartet, upper right, won a superior rating at the district contest and an excellent at the state. Because of Wesley's accident, Robert Yoder sang at the state.

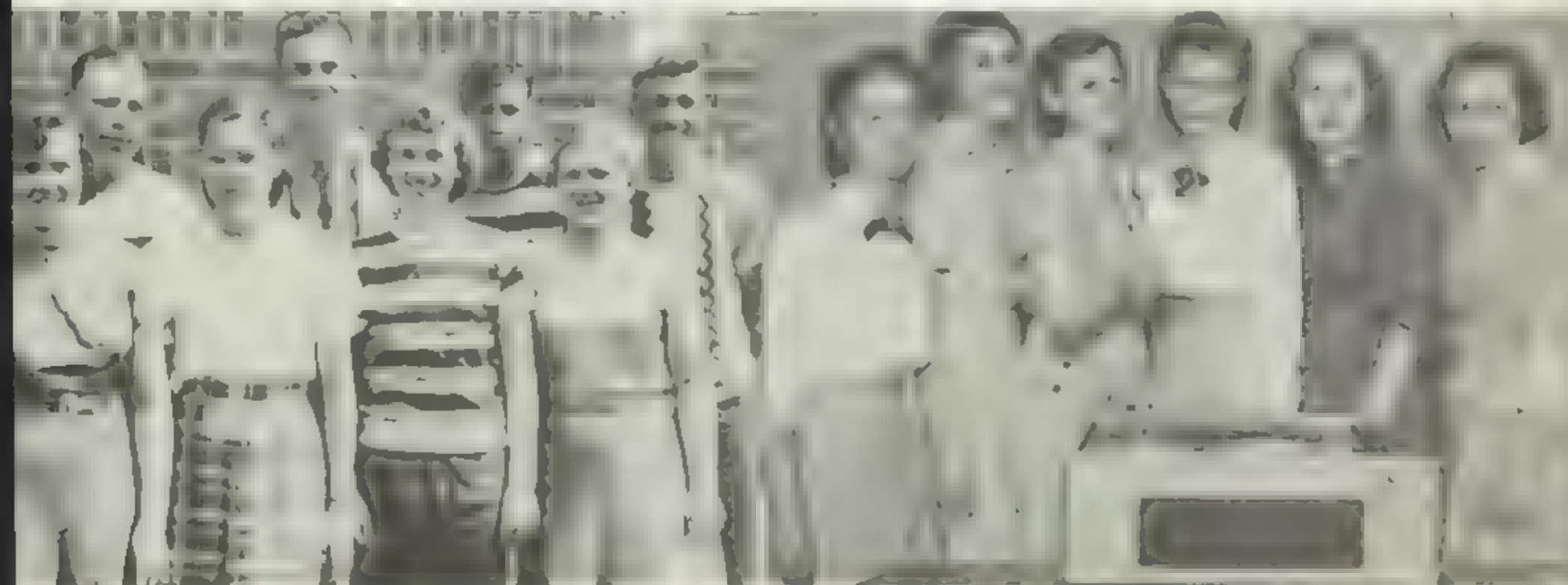
Elaine Rychener, left, and Glenda Frey, right, each received an excellent rating on their piano solos.

The mixed ensemble, lower left, also won a superior rating. Front row: Nancy Porter, Anna Nofziger, Edith Haskell, Elaine Rychener. Back row: Ervin Miller, Dale Klopfenstein, Richard McBride, Clarence Bruner.



The girls' sextet won an excellent rating at the contest. Lower right: Marilyn Frey, Phyllis Frey, Evelyn Short, Clemma

Roth, Marilyn Gearig, Laura Jane Gearig. Because Laura Jane was ill, Janette Gearig sang in her place.



# Building through activities



First row: Lowell Ayers, James Waidelich, Clarence Bruner, Paul Grieser.

Second row: Mr. Pollock, James Davis, L. J. Burkholder, Lowell Meller, Ervin Miller, Colenzo Short.

Third row: Eugene Richer, Paul Wyse, Gerald Nafziger, Merrill Nofziger, Waldo Aeschliman, Glen Wyse. Absent: James Beck, Harlan Gearig.

Early in September, new FFA officers were elected for the 1950-51 fiscal year. They were Richard Gautsche, president; James Waidelich, vice-president; Waldo Aeschliman, secretary; Clarence Bruner, treasurer; Lowell Ayers and Merrill Nofziger, reporters; Paul Grieser, sentinel; R. H. Pollock, adviser.

The chapter was very active during the year. To raise money the group sold greeting cards, had scrap iron and paper drives, sold advertisements for a local FFA calendar, bought and resold

the rough lumber used to support the roof of the auditorium during remodeling, and built and sold a hog house.

The boys defeated a neighboring chapter in a pest contest. Several groups entered district FFA contests.

The chapter purchased a gilt, to start a chain, at the annual sale held at the fair grounds. It bought ping-pong equipment and some table games. The chapter donated \$25 to charity.

The FFA gave the home economics girls a party in the winter, which the girls returned in the spring.



FFA



One of the projects of the FFA was clearing the lot west of the bus shed. The boys were given the use of the ground on condition that they keep the weeds down. They planted the land to cane and corn. Roger Schmitz was given the responsibility of taking care of it during the summer. Part of the lot was formerly a peach orchard. In the upper picture, several of the boys are at work clearing the orchard.

Left to right: Lowell Meller, Clarence Bruner, Ervin Miller, Colenzo Short, Gerald Nafziger, James Waidelich.

A total of 2,743 pests, such as sparrows, starlings, pigeons, mice, and rats, was caught during the contest held in the spring. The lower picture was taken at the Oscar Gautsche home. The boys displaying their pests are Clarence Bruner, Ervin Miller, Lowell Meller, Gerald Nafziger, Colenzo Short, Richard Gautsche, and James Waidelich.

During the paper drive, also spon-

sored by the FFA, fifteen tons of scrap paper was collected. The boys received an average of twenty dollars a ton for their efforts. In the lower picture they are tying the paper into bundles previous to its being hauled to Toledo.

They are, left to right, James Waidelich, Clarence Bruner, Colenzo Short, Marlin Beck, L.J. Burkholder, Eugene Richer.



# Pet Echoes staff



Left to right:  
 Mary Alice Leupp  
 Edith Haskell  
 Glenda Frey  
 Marilyn Frey  
 James Waidelich  
 Elaine Rychener  
 Lester King  
 Miss Wyse  
 Curtis Spengler  
 Sarah Jane Robinson

For the third consecutive year, Pet Echoes won the trophy for the best mimeographed newspaper in northwestern Ohio, at the Northwestern Ohio District Journalism Association convention held on May 3 at Bowling Green State University. Sarah Jane Robinson served as the student chairman of one of the discussion groups at the convention, with Miss Wyse as the faculty adviser.

The staff put in many hours on its regular project of publishing the paper every Tuesday afternoon. Besides producing the paper, the class also spent much time on workbooks.

At the beginning of the year the class numbered an even ten, but Mary Jo Miley moved to Indiana after the first semester, leaving nine members.

As an extra project, aside from their regular newspaper work, the journalism class undertook the job of redecorating their class room. A great deal of work was spent sanding and revarnishing the furniture and woodwork. A waffle supper, given April 26, highlighted the completion of this project.

In the top picture, the members of the journalism class are shown at work assembling the newspaper.

The lower picture gives a view of activities during the refinishing project. All, however, was not work, as is evidenced by the ukulele.



Clockwise, beginning lower left:  
 Curtis Spengler, Marilyn Frey, Miss Wyse, Mary Alice Leupp, Edith Haskell, James Waidelich, Lester King, Glenda Frey, Elaine Rychener.





## *Librarians*

Standing: Shirley Nofziger, Marilyn Frey, Anna Rose Meller, Robert Yoder, Marilyn Nofziger, Anna Nofziger, Laura Jane Gearig, Lester King, Marcile Rupp. Seated: Jueldine Nofziger, Phyllis Schmucker, Sarah Jane Robinson, Marilouise Miller, Norma Nofziger, Fern Moll.

Below: Mabel Ann Roth, Norma Nofziger, Jueldine Nofziger.

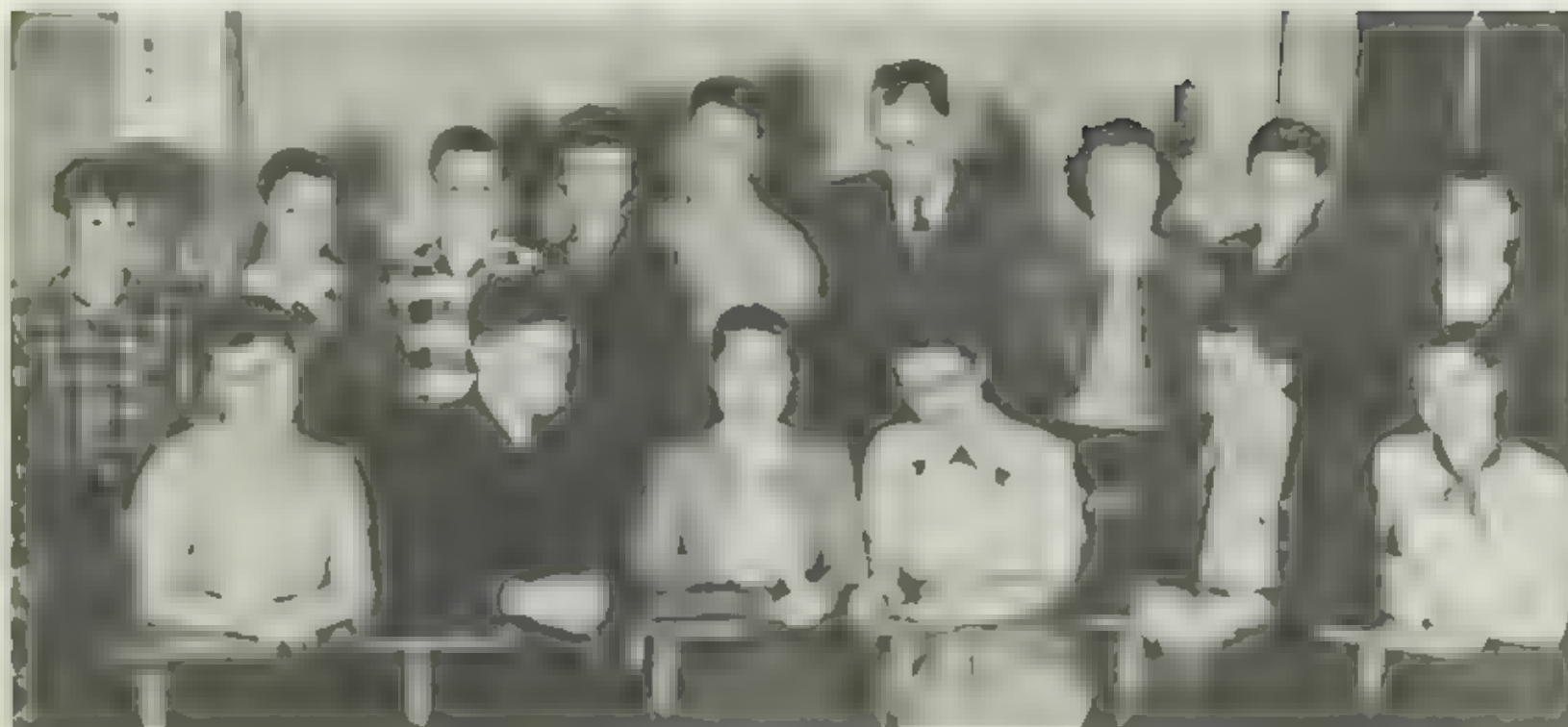
Again this year, a number of students were chosen to serve as librarians. There is a great deal of work connected with running even a small school library. Much of this responsibility fell on Jueldine Nofziger, who was appointed head librarian. Among the many duties of the librarians, possibly the most important one is checking out books. They also were responsible for the neatness of the library. Delta state library books again expanded the amount of reading material available for the entire school.

Bookmenders too have a large role to play in keeping the library functioning. They did a good job of mending both grade school and high school books. Donnabelle Riegsecker, also a bookmender, was absent the day the picture was taken.



## *Bookmenders*

# Student Council



Standing: Neil Weber, Janice Nofziger, Junior Beck, Judith Weber, Curtis Spengler, Mr. Gottschalk, Phyllis Schmucker, Kenneth Miller, Margaret Rupp.

Seated: Joan Leupp, Lester King, Sarah Jane Robinson, Bernice Rupp, John Rychener, Phyllis Frey.

Student Council consists of members elected from grades 7-12. The group discussed school problems created by the building program. It bought games and sponsored clubs for noon activities.

The officers of the organization were Sarah Jane Robinson, president; Lester King, vice-president, and Bernice Rupp,

secretary. Mr. Gottschalk is the adviser.

In order to gain their credit for typing 2, the senior girls spent a period each day working in the office or as secretary to one of the teachers. In the lower picture they are shown at various jobs with Mrs. Gottschalk, school secretary, as their supervisor.



Seated:  
Margie Burkholder  
Emogene Zimmerman  
Ruth Gisel

Standing:  
Rosa Waidelich  
Martha Zimmerman  
Arlene Beck  
Mrs. Gottschalk  
Anna Rose Meller  
Fern Moll  
Marilyn Gearig

# Office Workers



# Home Economics Club



Seated: Lavonne Gisel, Carolyn Rufenacht, Rosa Waidelich, Marilouise Miller, Norma Nofziger, Mary Ellen Short, Mary Louise Rufenacht.

Standings: Marilyn Nofziger, Martha May Zimmerman, Berneda Grieser, Anna Rose Meller, Marilyn Wyse, Janeth Nofziger, Margaret Rupp, Janice Nofziger, Rachel Frey, Helen Rufenacht, Miss Liechty.

Because the school building project made the usual noon activities impossible, clubs were formed to fill the void. A home economics club, sponsored by Miss Liechty, chose Marilouise Miller as president; Norma Nofziger, vice-president; and Rosa Waidelich, secretary-treasurer. The

group decorated the school at Christmas.

A second active club was the art club with Miss Buckmaster as adviser. The membership fluctuated. Anna Nofziger was president, and Lester King, treasurer. Soap-sculpture, etching, and glass painting were the projects of the club.



Seated:  
Richard Gautsche  
Lester King  
Bernice Rupp  
Anna Nofziger  
Elaine Rychener  
Sarah Robinson  
Shirley Short

Standing:  
Miss Buckmaster

# Art Club

# Building through sports



Senior high cheerleaders: June Gilson, Edith Haskell, Claudette Rupp, Delight Grieser.



Picture at left: Orval Sauder, Jim Rupp.

Managers are a very essential factor of any ball team. Their job is to keep the equipment in good condition and see that it is taken to every game. Orval Sauder and Jim Rupp served as basketball managers. Jim Rupp also was the manager of the baseball team.

The cheerleaders lead the school yells at the pep meetings before each game and at the games themselves. They also belong to the booster committee.

This year the varsity was composed of six boys. Roger Gilson played center; Ralph Gasche, John Rychener, and Jim Waidelich, forward; Ralph Bruner and Paul Grieser, guard. During the season five games were won and 14 were lost. Although its record was not any better than last year, the team showed considerable improvement in play.

Since only one member of the squad is a senior, a good nucleus is left for next year. However, the senior center, Roger Gilson, will be very greatly missed, as he scored a large number of points with his hook and lay-up shots. Roger was also elected honorary captain by his teammates.

The reserve team was also composed of six boys. Mr. Rex coached both the varsity and reserve teams. At least one of the reserves will be advanced to the varsity next year, since the reserves are preparation for the more advanced standing of varsity.





Junior high cheerleaders: Judith Weber, Kathryn Krieger.

#### Basketball Season Results

| Date    | Opponent      | P.H.S. | Opp. |
|---------|---------------|--------|------|
| Nov. 14 | Stryker       | 25     | 31   |
| Nov. 17 | Florida       | 40     | 45   |
| Nov. 21 | Metamora      | 39     | 44   |
| Nov. 28 | Ridgeville    | 48     | 90   |
| Dec. 1  | *Fayette      | 62     | 57   |
| Dec. 8  | *Chesterfield | 46     | 42   |
| Dec. 12 | Archbold      | 38     | 82   |
| Dec. 15 | *Swanton      | 41     | 51   |
| Dec. 22 | Lyons         | 25     | 41   |
| Jan. 5  | Fulton        | 26     | 41   |
| Jan. 12 | *Metamora     | 57     | 49   |
| Jan. 16 | Fayette       | 26     | 31   |
| Jan. 19 | Waldron       | 44     | 63   |
| Jan. 23 | Chesterfield  | 48     | 39   |
| Jan. 26 | *Archbold     | 38     | 91   |
| Jan. 30 | Ridgeville    | 30     | 85   |
| Feb. 2  | *Delta        | 38     | 50   |
| Feb. 6  | Fulton        | 44     | 40   |
| Feb. 9  | *Lyons        | 39     | 50   |

#### \*League Games

#### Tournament

| Date    | Opponent | P.H.S. | Opp. |
|---------|----------|--------|------|
| Feb. 14 | Fulton   | 28     | 34   |
| Feb. 17 | Fayette  | 46     | 41   |
| Feb. 21 | Delta    | 36     | 49   |

#### Varsity Reserves Junior High

|         | W | L  | W | L  | W | L |
|---------|---|----|---|----|---|---|
| Season  | 5 | 14 | 1 | 17 | 3 | 5 |
| Tourney | 1 | 2  |   |    | 0 | 1 |

# Varsity



On stair w a y: Darold Riegsecker, Coach R e x, Richard McBride, L. J. B u r kholder, Mary Alice Leupp.

S t a n d i n g: Sarah Jane Robinson, Carol Vonier, Junior Grieser, C u r t i s S p e n g l e r, Shari Weber, Colenzo Short.

Reserves  
and  
Boosters



# Varsity



Top picture: Ralph Bruner, Ralph Gasche, Paul Grieser.

Top picture, page 40: Roger Gilson, John Rychener, James Waidelich.

The booster committee this year was composed of four girls besides the cheerleaders, who automatically are boosters. For every basketball game, they made favors to give to each player. They sold refreshments at each home game.

The boosters sponsored a tobogganing party for the varsity and reserve squads at Pokagon State Park, Lake James, Indiana. An all-athletic banquet was also held at the Tedrow Methodist church.

On two occasions various groups of players, boosters, and coaches were entertained at feeds given by Mrs. Kenneth Grieser and Mrs. Edwin Spengler and by the W.H. Rycheners.

Lower picture. Top: Roger Zimmerman, Neil Weber, Arnold Ebersole, John Gasche.

Middle: Larry Grieser, Jr. Beck, Charles Rupp, Garold Beck.

Bottom: Roger Schmitz, Paul Gilson, Roger Krieger, Charles Schmucker, Charles Davis.



## Junior High

# Baseball



Left. Seated:  
Jim Rupp, Ralph Brun-  
er, Wealey Wyse,  
Curtis Spengler, Dale  
Klopfenstein, Marlin  
Beck, Colenzo Short.

Standing: Coach  
Springer, Lowell Mel-  
ler, Darold Riegseck-  
er, James Waidelich,  
Roger Gilson, John  
Rychener, Richard  
Gautsche, L. J.  
Burkholder.

Lower picture.  
Front: Paul Grieser,  
Lowell Meller, Ralph  
Bruner, Curtis Speng-  
ler, Wesley Wyse,  
Richard Gautsche.

Back: L. J.  
Burkholder, James  
Waidelich, Dale Klop-  
fenstein, Roger Gil-  
son, John Rychener,  
Clarence Bruner.

The baseball team had more balance than it had had in previous years. It was possible to shift players' positions successfully. The entire team, with the exception of the two seniors, will be back next year. With so many veteran players returning, the team's prospects are bright. Roger Gilson's pitching will be missed. Richard Gautsche is the other senior.

The leading hitters for the year were

Roger Gilson, Marlin Beck, and L. J. Burkholder. Marlin Beck, by vote of the team, was elected honorary captain. Mr. Springer again coached the team.

Any boy who has won a letter in any high school sport is eligible to membership in the Lettermen's Association. Roger Gilson, the top athlete, won a total of letters of the ten available to him.

The baseball box scores appear below.



| Date     | Opponent     | P.H.S. | Opp. |
|----------|--------------|--------|------|
| Sept. 22 | Archbold     | 8      | 9    |
| Sept. 26 | Chesterfield | 10     | 2    |
| Sept. 29 | Archbold     | 2      | 10   |
| Oct. 3   | Payette      | 13     | 11   |
| Oct. 6   | Fayette      | 4      | 8    |
| Apr. 18  | Archbold     | 13     | 4    |
| Apr. 20  | Payette      | 0      | 2    |
| Apr. 23  | Lyons        | 8      | 15   |
| Apr. 26  | Chesterfield | 0      | 2    |
| May 8    | Chesterfield | 6      | 10   |

Wins 3

Losses 7

## Lettermen



# Intramural Sports



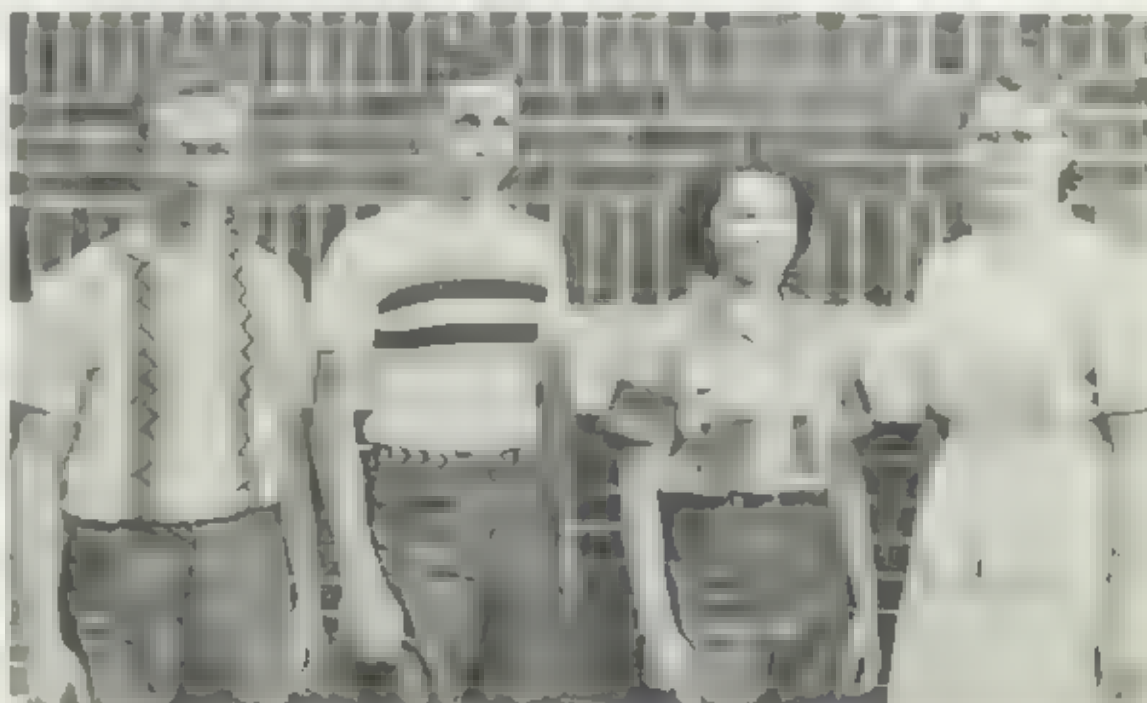
Top picture, front: Lois Friesen, Marcile Rupp, Shirley Nofsiger.  
Back: Phyllis Frey, Clemma Roth, Erna King, Hazel Ayers, Evelyn Short.

Top picture, front: Gerald Nafziger, Wesley Wyse, Colenzo Short.  
Back: Richard Gautsche, Roger Gilson, Dale Klopfenstein.

The intramural sports program was rather restricted this year because of the building program. However, a basketball tournament was held on the tennis court. The finals were played off in March at the Wauseon Memorial Auditorium. Refreshments were served by the grades that lost the March of Dimes contest. The above pictures were taken on that occasion. Winners were the junior girls and the senior boys.

There was also a softball league in the spring, but no tournament. During the late spring a ping-pong tournament

was held which was open to all who wished to participate. Shari Weber won the girls' championship by defeating Bernice Rupp. Robert Yoder defeated Richard Gautsche in the boys' tournament, thus becoming champion. Bernice and Richard were declared runners-up.



Left to right: Richard Gautsche, Robert Yoder, Shari Weber, Bernice Rupp.



## Calendar

Sept. 11-School begins with an enrollment of 408.

One new teacher this year.

Sept. 19-First baseball game lost to A.H.S.

21-Magazine selling contest begins.

Oct. 11-Senior pictures taken.

23-New bell system goes into effect.

27-School dismissed because of annual teachers' meeting in Toledo.

Nov. 3-Senior play "For Love and Money."

22-27-Thanksgiving vacation.

28-Senior pictures arrive.

Dec. 21-Pest contest with Archbold ends with Pettisville victor.

22-Jan. 2-Christmas vacation.

Jan. 19-Semester ends.

21-March of Dimes contest begins.

Feb. 3-Senior state scholarship tests.

Feb. 5-School music concert.

12-Annual pictures taken by Livingston.

17-Kathryn Krieger wins medal in twirling contest at Defiance.

22-No school. Washington's Birthday.

First and second graders who were absent on the day annual pictures were taken are on the swings. They are, standing, Raymond Casarez, Nathan Bryan, and David Nofziger. Seated are Lidia Castruita, Mary Avina, Linda Baer, and Marlene Reynolds.

Fourth and fifth grade absentees pictured at the merry-go-round are Frank Avina, Joyce Roth, Deloris Avina, Richard Beck, and Curtis Baer.





## Calendar

Mar. 2-March of  
D i m e s party at  
Wauseon.

- Mar. 8-Home Ec. begins selling milk.  
16-Fulton county music festival.  
31-Solo, ensemble contest at B.G.U.
- Apr. 6-Junior play, "Ever Since Eve."  
7-District music contest at B.G.U.  
11-District-state scholarship tests.  
20-Annual eighth grade tests given.  
26-Journalism waffle supper. Group  
finishes redecorating project.  
28-State music contest.
- May 3-Journalism convention. Pet Echoes  
wins trophy for best mimeographed  
paper entered.  
4-Junior-senior banquet.  
10-Athletic banquet held at Tedrow

Methodist Church.

- May 11-Spring concert at Memorial Audi-  
torium with band, girls' g l e e  
club, and chorus participating.  
12-Boys' quartet enters state ensem-  
ble contest at Westerville.  
20-Baccalaureate by Rev. Bertsche.  
22-Commencement address by Dr. Carl  
Kreider of Goshen College.  
24-Class night given by seniors.  
24-25-Final exams given.  
29-Last day of school. Picnics.

The three seventh and eighth grade stu-  
dents who were absent on picture tak-  
i n g day are Leyle Friesen, Janis  
Leupp, and John Merillat. Their pho-  
tograph is shown above.

# Building through brain and brawn

In the making of any building, it is usually the actual construction that people think of, rather than the planning which has gone into the project. However, the work of those behind the scenes is just as important. Several years of hard work were spent planning the new addition to Pettisville High School before the actual building began.

Since the school board is the motivating force behind all school activities, their main interest during the year naturally was planning and supervising the building project.

The addition, which is nearing completion, will alleviate the crowded condition of the past few years. This condition was brought about by the gradual growth of the school. The addition is on the south side of the building. The remodeled and enlarged auditorium-gymnasium now contains the third largest gymnasium floor in the county.

One of the main features in the addition is the large cafeteria with its adjoining kitchen, which is located in the excavated section. Also in that section are athletic dressing rooms—much larger than the former ones.

Above the cafeteria is the music department. It contains soundproof rehearsal rooms which will prevent the sounds of music from floating all over the school building. There are also music storage rooms and an office for the music instructor.

The new stage is at the south end of the gymnasium. There are two stage dressing rooms just off the stage proper. These will make it much easier to produce plays in the future. Also included in the addition is an office for the physical education director, which will overlook the gymnasium.

At the southeast end of the addition the farm shop is located, in much larger quarters than the remodeled bus shed formerly afforded. The agriculture room remains unchanged.

While the administration's main interest has been the new building, the faculty as usual centered their interests on the students. Their job is building the characters of the boys and girls who come to school every day.

Kindergarten, where the children go

for their first schooling, was again taught by Mrs. Florence Porter. After kindergarten, the children enter the first grade, which was taught by Mrs. Florence Lindley. The second and third grades were taught by Miss Margaret Buckmaster and Mrs. Betty Rex, respectively.

Miss Sadie Miller was the fourth grade teacher again this year. There were no new teachers in the elementary grades. Miss Alta Spiess has been teaching the fifth grade ever since the school began—for twenty-two years. The sixth grade teacher again was Mrs. Mildred Rychener.

There was only one new addition to the high school faculty. Miss Doris Liechty, a graduate of Pettisville, was the new home economics, general science, and girls' physical education teacher. All of the high school English classes were taught by Miss Ruth K. Wyse. She also taught journalism and a class in first-year French. Mrs. Jean Oyer taught the regular commercial courses, with the additions of seventh and eighth grade mathematics.

Mr. S. M. Gottschalk, filling his capacity as superintendent, kept school life running as smoothly as can be expected when there are 400 students involved. In addition, he taught chemistry and eighth grade science. The principal, Mr. David Springer again served as baseball coach. In addition to his duties in those capacities, he taught American democracy, speech, world history, and English 8. The senior play was under his direction.

Mr. Mark Ray taught most of the history courses, besides English 7 and civics. He also directed the junior play. All of the music classes, both grade and high school, were taught by Mr. James Edington. Private instrumental lessons were available under his direction.

Mr. Robert Rex continued as basketball coach this year. The classes he taught were science 7, geometry, biology, algebra, and all boys' physical education. The vocational-agriculture and shop classes were taught by Mr. Ronald Pollock.

Mrs. S. M. Gottschalk served for the second year as school secretary.

All work was done under the handicap of a building project and classes at the same time. In spite of all disruptions, school ended on schedule, May 29, 1951.



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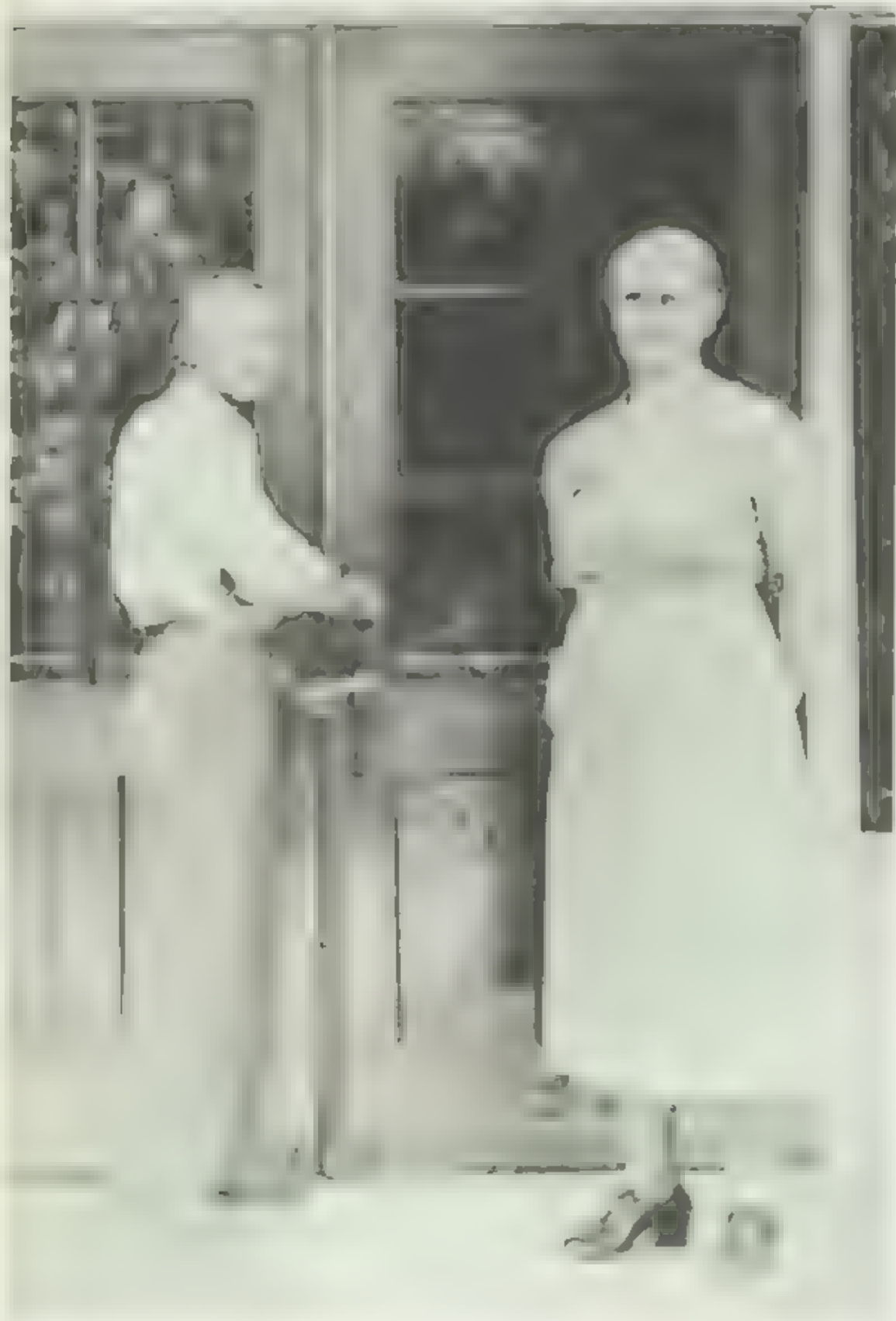
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# The doors are closed



The task of cleaning up after the students was again done by Mr. William Lantz. Every evening Mrs. Lantz would come over and help him. No matter how big or how dirty the mess was, they uncomplainingly cleaned it up. The thoughtlessness of students often made their job larger than it should have been. Together they kept our school building and grounds the clean, attractive place that it was.

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